

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-third day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-four, [SEAL] and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-eighth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3584

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, 1964

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS our country, in facing the challenges and opportunities of rapidly changing and expanding world trade, looks upon the sea lanes as highways of international good will and opportunity; and

WHEREAS the Nation looks to the maritime industry, working in cooperation with the Maritime Administration of the Department of Commerce and other Government agencies, to provide maritime programs and guidance that will best serve all Americans; and

WHEREAS the American merchant fleet is an essential element of our economy which provides employment for seamen, shipbuilders, shoreside workers, and those in supporting industries, and which, by transporting our products to world markets abroad, significantly advances our efforts to achieve an equitable international balance of trade and payments; and

WHEREAS the ships and men of the United States Merchant Marine stand ready to carry our flag abroad in peaceful competition today, or to deploy our seapower to the shores of any adversary in time of conflict; and

WHEREAS a strong merchant marine is essential to the economy and security of the free world, and merits the respect and support of our business community and the citizens of our Nation; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved May 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 73), designated May 22 as National Maritime Day, in commemoration of the departure from Savannah, Georgia, on May 22, 1819, of the S.S. *Savannah* on the first transoceanic voyage by any steamship, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually calling for the observance of that day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the citizens of the United States to honor our American Merchant Marine on Friday, May 22, 1964, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places.

I direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag on all Government buildings on National Maritime Day, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day in tribute to the American Merchant Marine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

April 23, 1964

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Proclamation 3585

PRAYER FOR PEACE, MEMORIAL DAY, 1964

By the President of the United States of America

April 23, 1964

A Proclamation

WHEREAS on Memorial Day of each year it has long been the custom of this Nation to honor its forefathers and compatriots who have laid down their lives that we might live in freedom; and

WHEREAS we are eternally grateful to them for their supreme and selfless sacrifice on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS the same revolutionary beliefs and ideals for which our forebears fought and died are still at issue in the world and the challenge against them can be met only through the same qualities of bravery, fortitude, and unyielding determination shown by our noble dead; and

WHEREAS Memorial Day each year provides a fitting occasion upon which our citizens may commemorate departed loved ones and offer prayers for the preservation of liberty and peace free from the threat of war; and

WHEREAS for this purpose the Congress, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950 (64 Stat. 158), requested the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Memorial Day, Saturday, May 30, 1964, as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I call upon all the people of the Nation to invoke God's blessing on those who have died in defense of our country and to pray for a world of law and order. I designate the hour beginning in each locality at eleven o'clock in the morning of that day as the time to unite in such prayer.

I also urge the press, radio, television, and all other information media to cooperate in this observance.

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